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## MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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October 1, 2007

The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton  
Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Peter A. Hammen  
Chairman  
House Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairmen Middleton and Hammen:

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) is pleased to submit the following reports as required by House Bill 800 of 2007, "Maryland Health Care Commission – Program Evaluation," (Chapter 627). The law directs the MHCC to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by October 1, 2007, on the following items:

- The implementation of the recommendations contained in the 2006 Evaluation of the Maryland Health Care Commission (Section 6);
- The implementation of the recommendations of the 2005 Certificate of Need Task Force and the progress of the Commission in implementing the recommendations of the comprehensive evaluation of Certificate of Need required by Chapter 702 of the Acts of 1999 (Section 3), and;
- The Commission's plans to collect data on facility costs and insurance product design and how the data collected would be used to promote quality and affordable health care (Section 5).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 410.764.3565, if you have any questions about these reports or this transmittal letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex W. Cowdry".

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Enclosure